Mich. Police Head Thinks Hoffa Dead

DETROIT, Aug. 15 (UPI)—Michigan State Police Director George L. Halverson today became the first top law enforcement officer to say on the record what many have voiced in private—that James R. Hoffa has been killed.

Halverson, speaking to reporters in East Lansing, said of the missing former president of the Teamsters Union, "Too much time has lapsed . . . I'd have to believe from the kind of lifestyle he lived that he would have got in touch with his family.

"The complete absence of any contact would have me believe that he is not alive.

He indicated he believes the 16-year-old day mystery of Hoffa's disappearance will never be solved.

"This is going to be an unsettled account," he said.

Halverson said there were "some symptoms" of Mafia-type techniques in Hoffa's July 30 disappearance. Other sources close to the investigation said Detroit Mafia Don Anthony (Tony Jack) Giacalone "set up" Hoffa for the fateful luncheon date from which he did not return.

From the beginning, Hoffa has been quoted as telling his wife and friends he planned to meet Giacalone, a longtime associate, and two other men at the Machus Red Fox restaurant in suburban Bloomfield township. Hoffa disappeared from the restaurant parking lot that afternoon.

Giacalone has a solid alibi with a masseur at the Southfield, Mich., Athletic Club, some miles away, for that time, and has steadfastly denied making such an appointment—as have the other two men named. He has gone to Florida and indicated he will not talk further unless subpoenaed by a federal grand jury—if then.

A source close to the investigation, confirming Halvorson's analysis, said, "on a 1 to 10 basis, it's 7 to 8 he [Ho was set up and done a with."

The source discounted that Hoffa, the bare-knuc scrapper who slugged his to the top of the Teams would never have all himself to be taken from parking lot without a str —even with a gun at his h

"He's tough but he's no pid," the source said. keep going as long as he talk. As for anybody s anything that happene that parking lot—nobody anything."